

# The Church of St. Gerard Majella

EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 21, 2019

## ADDRESS

9600 Regent Avenue North  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443-1499

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-5 pm  
Friday: 9 am-1 pm  
Saturday: CLOSED

## EUCCHARIST

Weekdays: 8:30 am  
Saturday: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 am

WEBSITE: [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org)



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@StGerardYouth

Parish Office: 763-424-8770  
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## PASTORAL Services

Rev. Thomas Santa, C.Ss.R.  
Rev. Tuan Pham, C.Ss.R.  
Rev. Matthew Bonk, C.Ss.R.  
Karl Kornowski - Parish Administrator  
Anne Tiller - Director of Justice and Outreach  
Amy Wittak - Liturgical Ministry  
Tim Smith - Dir. of Liturgical Music  
Colette O'Brien - Communications  
Judy Foster - Dir. of Faith Formation

## SUPPORT Services

Sue Czerniak - Secretary/Receptionist  
Dianne Goodwin - Secretary/Receptionist

## MAINTENANCE Services

Roger Popham - Custodian

## All Are Welcome!

*We are a Catholic community striving to love God and our neighbors. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

*"Who Am I To Judge?"* --Pope Francis



Hearing Assistance Devices are available at the Sound Desk in the Church.  
Low-Gluten hosts are available.  
Please call the parish office for more information.

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Easter! Welcome to the parish community of St. Gerard Majella. We are a welcoming community of faith trying to live our lives in faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus. We strive to be as open and as transparent as we are able. We do so in the firm belief that what we lack is more than made up by the active power of the Grace of God at work in our community.

We are also a community in transition. We are anticipating a change in pastoral leadership beginning on July 1, 2019. The Redemptorist Community which has served us for the last two years will be replaced by an Archdiocesan pastor. It is perhaps fitting that this transition takes place as we celebrate our 49<sup>th</sup> year as a parish family and move towards the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish which will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, in April, 2020.

We have come a long way since our founding as a parish in 1970. At that time we sat alone in the potato/corn fields, anticipating a growth that was much slower in development than anticipated. In those days it was not at all difficult to drive past our church building(s) without a second thought. Today, in the midst of a vibrant development of our neighborhood, we are an anchor of stability in the midst of so much change. Our stability comes not only from our Roman Catholic tradition but perhaps even more important from the people who form this community of faith.

The stories of faith of each person and each family is representative of a particular manifestation of God's grace in action. For each person who chooses to practice their spiritual faith within a parish community there are many others who have chosen a different path. Parish membership, once pretty much a given, is now more than ever a statement of belief and a statement of faith. We have been part of the experience and the discussion and we celebrate our choice and respect the choices that others have made. We expect that a discerning faith and practice will never isolate us from the lived concerns of our brothers and sisters.

Thank you for choosing to be with us on this Easter Sunday morning. Please consider joining this faith community for your regular spiritual practice. You will be welcomed and we look forward to the particular manifestation of God's grace that you will bring to us and share with us. Together, with all of our stories, we will continue to strive to be a witness of the presence of Jesus in our world and in this community.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.

For the Redemptorist Community & staff who serves you

## ALL PARISH LEADERSHIP NIGHT - APRIL 25

Attention commissions, committees, and leadership! The All Parish Leadership Night will be April 25, 5-8pm. Please look for invitations from your staff liaison.



## SAYING FAREWELL TO ROGER

Please join us Saturday, **April 27**, after the 5:00pm Mass at a reception to offer our fondest farewell to Roger Popham, our Custodian. Roger has served on staff at St. Gerard's for the past 20 years. Help us honor Roger for his years of dedication and commitment to the community of St. Gerard's!

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - APRIL 30

All are welcome to join us for a Mass to remember and pray for all those affected by the fall of Saigon 44 years ago. A Mass of Remembrance will be at the Church of St. Gerard on Tuesday, **April 30** at 6:00pm. Join us after mass for hospitality and Vietnamese delicacies. All are welcome!

## CORN FEST 2019

Corn Fest 2019 will be **August 9 and 10**. St. Gerard's Corn Fest is a celebration of faith, family and community! Carnival games and inflatables for the kids! Bring your appetites: burgers, walking tacos, international foods, mini donuts, ice cream, beer, and of course, fresh sweet corn! Entertainment for everyone: kids games, bingo, grand raffle, basket auction, pull tabs, wall of wine, and free live music! Don't forget our outdoor mass on Saturday! More info on our facebook page, and on our app and website.



## POSITION OPENINGS

The Church of St. Gerard is hiring! There is a full-time position opening for a Facility Care Coordinator and a part-time Custodian position opening. Visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) for job descriptions and more information. Interested candidates should email a PDF formatted resume to Karl Kornowski at [karlk@st-gerard.org](mailto:karlk@st-gerard.org).

## ST. GERARD'S APP - DOWNLOAD TODAY!

Search for "St Gerard Majella" in the app store or scan the QR Code on the inside flap of the bulletin to download our free mobile app. The app features online registration and giving, parish calendar, bulletins, homilies, news and event information, and access to our social media sites. Also receive important "push" notifications from St. Gerard's.

## EASY GIVING FOR ST. GERARD'S!

- **Website:** [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) GIVE page
- **App:** GIVE page
- **QR Code:** scan the QR Code (inside flap of the bulletin)
- **Text Giving:** 763-225-1078

If you have questions on any of the giving options, call the parish office at 763-424-8770 or visit our GIVE page at [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org). Thank you for your continued support!



## LOAVES & FISHES

St. Gerard's hosts Loaves & Fishes on the **4th Friday** of every month. Our next date is Friday, **April 26**. We serve from 5-7pm at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis. Sign up to serve on the easel in the Gathering Space. Contact Karen Brenteson at 763-561-7411 with questions.

## LOAVES AND FISHES COORDINATOR NEEDED

St. Gerard's Loaves & Fishes Group **NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to help lead and coordinate a monthly meal made here at St. Gerard's kitchen every 4th Friday morning of the month. Please contact Anne at [annet@st-gerard.org](mailto:annet@st-gerard.org) or call 763-424-8770 ext 120 if you can help.

## SHARING AND CARING HANDS

St. Gerard's prepares and serves a lunch at Sharing and Caring Hands every **1st Saturday** of the month. Our next date is Saturday, **May 4**. No need to sign up, just come on Saturday morning at 9:00am to St. Gerard's kitchen and help prepare the food. Then at 10:50am help pack up the food, take it to Sharing and Caring Hands on 7th Street (Minneapolis), and help serve at 11:30am. Please call John at 763-561-3841 with any questions.



## CRS RICE BOWL - ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Please remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the parish office throughout the next week. Thank you for your participation!

## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH COLLECTION

St. Gerard's Youth Homelessness Project is dedicated to prayer, outreach, service and awareness of youth homelessness. The YHP will hold a spring outreach collection (**April 27 - June 9**) to benefit homeless youth in our community. Next weekend we will begin by collecting grocery and gas gift cards. Please place gift cards in a labeled envelope (YHP) and place in the collection baskets during Mass. Visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) for a full list of items requested for donation during the 2019 spring collection. Thank you for your support!



## ADULT FAITH SCRIPTURE STUDY PACKETS

We will continue to offer the Sunday by Sunday Scripture Study published and written by the Sisters of St. Joseph (St. Paul) through April 28. We will also have limited copies for May through Pentecost. They are located on the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Judy Foster at the parish office.

## 2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT

It's not too late to register for the 2019 Women's Retreat on Saturday, **April 27**. Join the women of St. Gerard's for a morning to reflect on "All Things New: A Day of Reflection and Renewal." The guest speaker will be Lisa Ervin. The morning will begin at 8:30am with hospitality and continue from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Lunch will be included. Retreat fee is \$25. Registration and more information on our website or app or in the parish office. We hope you will join us!



## GOD'S GREATEST GIFT!

On **April 24** at 6:00pm, Christian magician, Brian Richards will share with St. Gerard's Faith Formation 1-5 a special program, "God's Greatest Gift!" This delightful program entertains & motivates kids to think about all the wonderful gifts they have been blessed with. At the end of the program, kids will receive Brian's "BIG BUCKS" that teach how to do 2 magic tricks!! This fun event will conclude our 2018-2019 Faith Formation sessions. All Faith Formation families are invited!

## 2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All kids (PreK-5th grade) are welcomed and invited to attend VBS 2019 entitled "ROAR: Life is Wild. God is Good." It is an awesome week of fun, friends, and faith! Kids will experience exciting stations that emphasize the daily Bible Point such as: Wild Bible Adventures, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, and Stampede Sports. Save the date to join us **June 10-13**! Online registration opens in **May**! More info to come in the bulletin, website, app, and facebook.



## VACATION BIBLE STUDY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of the following **ADULT leaders** for VBS: snacks, large group music and prayer leader, supplies and games. Please consider helping our VBS in June to be a success again this year! Contact Judy Foster at the parish office if you are interested or need more information. Youth volunteers also needed!

## Announcements

### WELCOME TO ST. GERARD'S!

If you are visiting St. Gerard's today and would like more information about the parish or how to become a member, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space, pick up a new member info packet, and sign our guest registry. You can also visit the "I Am New" tab of our website ([www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org)) or app ("St Gerard Majella" in the app store)! And check out our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/churchofsaintgerard/>)! Thank you for worshipping with us today!

### WEEKEND BULLETINS & HOMILIES ARE ONLINE!

Visit our website, [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org), or mobile app to read the bulletin or listen to the weekend homily. Also check out current parish events, online giving, and ways to get involved in the parish!

### PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

If your daughter would like to wear a First Communion dress, but it doesn't work into your budget, please contact Trish Cooley at 763-551-9563. Trish has a small collection of new or slightly worn dresses in various styles and sizes for you to use free of charge.



### KC PARISH FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus expect to have the Metro Dining Club cards by the end of April. They will be selling them again in the Gathering Space following the weekend Masses throughout May. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to many of the charitable programs the Knights conduct throughout the year.

### GET THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT FOR FREE!

We have a limited number of free annual subscriptions to The Catholic Spirit newspaper available for parishioners. Each edition holds Catholic news coverage of our archdiocese, nation, and world as well as issue analysis and reflections on Catholic living. Call the parish office at 763-424-8770 if you are interested.

## Presiders

### 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 5:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa

April 28, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

April 28, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham

May 5, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

May 5, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

### 4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 5:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa

May 12, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa

May 12, 10:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa

# This Week at St. Gerard's

## INTENTIONS

**M-F 8:25 AM** - Eucharist, Liturgy of Hours  
**TUE 9:00 AM** - Perpetual Help Devotion  
**DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL.**

### **MONDAY, APRIL 22**

8:25 am - Communion Service

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

8:25 am - Luke Johnson †

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

8:25 am - Bill Kotsmith †

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

8:25 am - Parish Families

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

8:25 am - Bob Borgert †

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

5:00 pm - Burt Stock †

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

8:30 am - Grace Onuoha †

10:30 am - Kathy Irvin †

## PARISH EVENTS

### **MONDAY, APRIL 22**

7:30 pm - Scouts #575 Meeting

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:00 pm - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7:30 pm - Regent AA

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm - Faith Formation 1st-5th (Final)  
Magician Brian Richards

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

9:00 am - Loaves & Fishes Bread Buttering

5:00 pm - All Parish Leadership Night

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

8:30 am - Loaves & Fishes Prep

5:00 pm - Loaves & Fishes at St Stephen's

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

8:00 am - Women's Retreat

4:00 pm - Individual Confession

5:00 pm - Eucharist

6:00 pm - Roger Popham Retirement Party

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

8:30 am - Eucharist

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Word, Children

10:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Liturgy of the Word, Children

10:30 am - Faith Formation - St. G's Kids

11:30 am - Anointing of the Sick

6:00 pm - Faith Formation - EDGE



**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick and ailing members of our parish community, and all those in our Parish Prayer Book, especially:

**John Tidrick**  
**Marcia Cunningham**

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:

**Larry Molenaar**

**APR 28, 2019**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**ACTS 5:12-16**

**REV 1:9-11A,12-13,17-19**

**JN 20:19-31**

### **SACRAMENTS:**

#### **BAPTISM**

Call the Parish Office to schedule a date and register for the preparation class.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 4:00 pm or any time by appointment.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the desired date.



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